

# Craftsman

THE TRADES HOUSE OF GLASGOW NEWSLETTER



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EARLY STARTER Youngsters of all ages enjoyed the Exhibition. Here are 9-year-old Kathrynne Duncanson gets some practical "hands on" experience.

## CRAFTSMAN CHAIR FOR UNIVERSITY

The City of Glasgow is to gift a new Chancellor's chair to Caledonian University. The Trades House of Glasgow has agreed to mount a competition and organise production of the chair. The Incorporation of Wrights, on behalf of Trades House, is currently organising a competition through Glasgow School of Art for design and build of the new Chancellor's chair.

The Incorporation of Wrights, who are already involved with the Glasgow School of Art, are sponsoring a prize of £400 for the student who produces the winning design. The Chancellor's chair is to be gifted by the Lord Provost to the University.

## VIEW FROM THE PLATFORM

### A POSITIVE ROLE IN FUTURE GROWTH

1992/93 has been a notable year for the House which has, at the same time, revisited its roots and taken positive steps to influence the future.

The initiative which resulted in the highly successful MAKING Glasgow's Future Exhibition has put the possibility of careers in manufacturing on the agenda for many youngsters. Professor John Ward's stimulating lecture "Can the Flower of Scotland Make It?" underlined the challenges to which industrialists, educationalists and politicians must rise in that sector. In all of this, the links between House and City have been strengthened and I am in no doubt that there is a continuing and positive role for us to play as Glasgow seeks the growth in industrial output which is so essential for the future of its people.

Continued management of the substantial funds in our care and of the many and varied calls on our benevolence has not prevented the House from giving encouragement, funding and practical assistance to the Trades Hall Trustees in the major and exciting restoration project. To have led and represented the House in such a year has been demanding, fascinating, and satisfying. It has also been a very great privilege.

JOHN FERGUS, Deacon Convener

Subject to official ratification by the House, on the 13th October, it will be a deep privilege and honour for me to represent the Trades House as Deacon Convener for 1993/94, and I am deeply conscious of the enormous responsibility that I shoulder in so doing.

Over the last two years, as a member of the Platform of the House, I have been keenly aware of the heavy workload undertaken by my predecessors in office, for the benefit of the House, and I will certainly attempt to consolidate on all that has been successfully achieved.

The raising of the profile of the House is now succeeding with great speed, and many further opportunities to promote the House – and the Trades Hall – will occur during the next 12 months. The 14th September 1994 will see the 200th Anniversary of the opening of the Trades Hall, a significant milestone indeed, and it is very appropriate that the Trustees renovation plans – which have been so very well received – will be affected to ensure that the Trades Hall is brought up to date for the start of the next 200!

The Family of the Trades House is extremely large. It is not only the 8000 members who receive this Craftsman, indeed it reaches far beyond – to each pensioner – to each

friend – and to each Charity that the House assists in its giving, made possible only by those who were here before us. We must ensure that we cherish our traditions, and plan constructively for the future. You have my assurance that no effort will be spared in all these areas.

SANDY BONE, Late Collector

Having been out of the House for several years I was delighted to find just how widespread its many interests have become. From the annual New Years Day Concert in aid of Action Research to Making Glasgow's Future Exhibition, from the Commonwealth fund to the Drapers Fund and the very considerable support that the Crafts give to such a large number of people and causes, one sees both the caring concern and the benevolent interest that the House – and the Incorporations take in their fellow citizens. It is therefore easier to understand the very real support the Trades House and our current fund raising appeal is receiving from so many of the major organisations and companies within the West of Scotland. It is indeed a very real privilege to be part of such an organisation.

KENNETH SANDFORD, Collector

## SUCCESS WHERE IT COUNTS

The Trades House MAKING Glasgow's Future Exhibition has been voted a resounding success by the public.

Research carried out by Glasgow City Council's Museum and Art Galleries Department amongst the 70,000 visitors to the exhibition in the People's Palace showed that a staggering 97 per cent rated the exhibition good to excellent.

The actual percentages were average 3 per cent, good 25 per cent, very good 52 per cent and excellent 20 per cent.

Of even more importance 88 per cent of those questioned took the view that MAKING Glasgow's Future was either quite likely or very likely to be helpful to young people looking for a job. This was the primary function of the exhibition. Furthermore 95 per cent were so impressed that they said they would recommend the exhibition to friends.

The research also showed that 83

per cent of those visiting the exhibition lived in either Glasgow or in Strathclyde. 68 per cent of visitors were under 45 years of age.

The great majority of visitors liked the overall look of the show, the information on the text panels and the variety of objects on display. Specific objects mentioned were the Rab C Nesbit cake, the giant boot, the tartans and the model ship.

Highlights of the exhibition are featured on pages 2 and 3.

## EVERYONE CAN PLAY A PART

An appeal is going out to every single incorporation to contribute to the restoration and upgrading of Trades Hall which celebrates its bi-centenary next year.

In a letter on page 2, Deacon Convener John Fergus and Collector Kenneth Sandford reveal that the Trades Hall Appeal is only £240,000 short of the £1,250,000 target.

The project has had the support of the House and all Incorporations and significant assistance from Glasgow City Council, Strathclyde Regional Council, Glasgow Development Agency, Heritage Scotland and charitable trusts.

"It is important, therefore, that we demonstrate to all our supporters in Glasgow and elsewhere that a large number of our own members are also keen to be involved in this worthwhile project", says Collector Sandford.

The Trades Hall is the only significant surviving building designed by Robert Adam in Glasgow and following the Cathedral is the oldest building in the city still in its original use.

Work has already been completed in upgrading the entrance hall and cloakroom and roof repairs including work on the copper dome will shortly commence.

On completion of funding it is intended that all public rooms will be upgraded, attic areas converted into new rooms and access improved with the inclusion of a new lift. Kitchens will also be upgraded and the net result will be increased and better facilities for the Crafts and other users of this historic asset.

A number of tax efficient methods of giving are detailed in the enclosed letter and further details are available from Blair Johnston, the Appeals Co-ordinator who can be contacted on 041 228 8000.

## PRIME SPEAKERS

The Rt Hon Sir Edward Heath, KG, MBE, MP, former Prime Minister, will deliver the Annual Trades House lecture at Glasgow University on 27 April next year.

The toast to the City of Glasgow at the Deacon Convener's Dinner in Trades Hall on 13th October will be proposed by Raymond Douglas, Master Cutler of Sheffield 1992-3. The toast to Trades House will be proposed by the Rev Norman Drummond, Head Master of Loretto School.

# TRADES HALL APPEAL WHY WE NEED YOUR SUPPORT

Dear Fellow Craftsman

In 1990 the House resolved that the Trustees of the Trades Hall should be encouraged to embark on a major refurbishment project. The aim of this was to ensure that the Trades Hall, which will celebrate its bi-centenary in 1994, was fully restored and only made wind and water tight, but brought fully into use.

As a result of this decision, the Platform instigated a thorough investigation into the feasibility of such an appeal and as a result of their findings, the Trustees officially launched their appeal to raise the £1,250,000 needed to meet the projected cost.

It is very significant that assurances of a generous level of support have been received from all statutory bodies that were approached. The House having given £50,000 in 1991/92 has undertaken to contribute a further £50,000 to the appeal and the Incorporate have also agreed to contribute very significant sums from their own corporate funds. This support (received, promised or indicated), along with donations from other charitable organisations, Trusts and from a wide range of companies, has combined with the early support from individual members, to the point that we only now require to raise somewhat less than £240,000 of the targeted amount.

It is appropriate that the general membership of the Fourteen Incorporations (who have not already done so) should be invited now to add their personal support.

We cannot over-stress that while the amount any individual contributes is not disclosed to us or indeed anybody other than the Appeal Co-ordinator and his staff, it is obviously very delightful to learn that sizeable donations have been received. However the old Scots expression . . .

*"Many a mickle makes a muckle"*

is one that is appropriate to this appeal. It is so important for us to demonstrate to our many supporters in Glasgow and elsewhere that a large number of our own members are also keen to be involved in this worthwhile project and that a significant proportion have added their financial support.

There is little doubt that the Trades House and the Trades hall are both held in great respect and affection in the City of Glasgow. In recent years the influence and benevolence that the House and the Crafts have long exerted and contributed to the citizenry of Glasgow is being increasingly appreciated and acknowledged, and this has been reflected in the willing support which has already come from the District Council, the Region, Glasgow Development Agency and Historic Scotland.

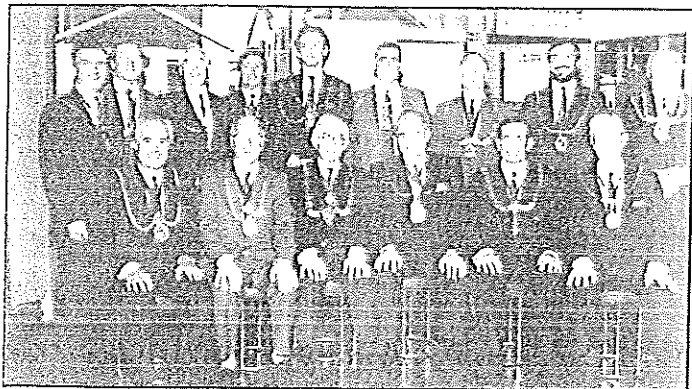
Enclosed with this letter and the Craftsman magazine, you will find a further form outlining the different tax efficient ways of giving. This letter invites you therefore as a craftsman in one of the Incorporations electing the Trades House of Glasgow, to lend your support, if you have not already done so. All donations, large or small, will help to ensure that the Target is reached without delay, thus enabling a marvellous project to proceed according to plan.

If you are uncertain as to how to give or wish to seek clarification on any matter please contact the Appeal Co-ordinator Blair Johnston in the Trades House Office, 10 St Vincent Street, Glasgow G2 5QR (041 228 8000) to whom all contributions should be sent.

We do hope that you will respond to this appeal at an early date.

John G Fergus  
Deacon Convener

Kenneth E Sandford  
Collector of the Trades House



## A COMBINED EFFORT

The Trades House appeal and the Exhibition were fully supported by all crafts. The Deacons are pictured at the exhibition along with Deacon Convener John Fergus and Collector Kenneth Sandford.

# EXHIBITION

## SCHOOLS BUILD FOR THE FU

Prizes in the 1993 Trades House Education competitions were presented at the MAKING Glasgow. The competition was split into two sections, 'Trading Places' where youngsters wrote reports and 'Craft in Today's World' where students displayed artifacts, design folios and constructions created as part of their course work. The actual creations ranged from metal tool boxes and chests of drawers, cabinets and chairs crafted in wood to technical drawing portfolios.

The variety of entries presented a formidable task for the judges, Ex-deacon David Clark and Deacon Morton Fyfe.

The winners were:

Trading Places - Secondary Schools: 1st Lorraine Anderson, 2nd Kirsty McNab, 3rd Am Schools: 1st Fiona Reilly, 2nd Carol Anne McCartney, 3rd Angela Ross. Overall winning school, Ke Craft in Today's World - Secondary 3: 1st Gemima Anderson, 2nd Chi Yeun Cheung, 3rd Ian 4: 1st Laura Park, 2nd David Jemmyson, 3rd Siobhan O'Leill. Secondary 5/6: 1st Paul Madden, 2nd Mark Murphy. Overall Winning School - Holyrood Secondary School.

Picture shows - some of the young prize winners with their entries at the exhibition with De Fergus who presented the prizes.



## MINISTER IN THE PICT



Mr Alan Stewart, Scottish Office Minister for Industry and Local Government visited the Exhibition photography course students at the Glasgow College of Building and Printing.

Students were asked to submit a series of 10 slides illustrating craftsmanship and excellence Glasgow. Entries illustrated building, engineering, fashion, food, drink and products manufactured in Glasgow. The winning entry by Chris Burn depicted architectural ironwork demonstrating the care, craft which can be seen in Glasgow's Victorian, refurbished and modern buildings. Runner-up was Gavin Steven Lindridge.

Picture: Alan Stewart (right) accompanied by Deacon Convener John Fergus and Deacon presents the prizes.

## A LOOK AT THE WRIGHT



Bob Gray

In terms of numbers of craftsmen the V role of 1650, are by far the largest Incorporation.

Their origins can be traced back to the skilled carpenters building Glasgow were granted a charter by King Malcolm.

They were, however, for many years the Masons and the Coopers, became incorporated by themselves on 3rd March. The Wrights of Glasgow obtained from and Magistrates of the City of Glasgow Seal of Cause.

The Deacon elect of the Wrights in Glasgow born, at the age of 21 he became Glasgow Cathedral. He was 33 years old when he joined the Clydesdale Bank before retiring two years later to take the post of manager of the Skelmorlie. He later became the first Fund Holding Manager of a partnership of medical practitioners.

Whilst living in Glasgow Peter played for Clydesdale but after moving to Helensburgh 10 years ago his leisure interests turned to

# ROUND-UP

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## WORKING FOR THE LORD MAYOR

Demonstrations by craft apprentices working in the Winter Gardens at the People's Palace were a feature of MAKING Glasgow's Future. Here Sir Francis McWilliams, Lord Mayor of London pauses during his visit to the Exhibition to see apprentice stonemason Andrew Leitch (17) demonstrate his craft.

Sir Francis praised the Trades House for its initiative in highlighting career opportunities in Manufacturing Industry for young people. He said that a similar type of exhibition should be held in London.

## COMPETITION WINNERS

Winners of the Craftsman competition for prizes donated by "Glasgow's Alive" and the Clydesdale Bane were:

Mrs M Allison; Linda Stewart; Doris Moxey; Ian Stewart; Robert Thomson and B Stewart.

# INTO 1994 WITH... A MAN OF STEEL AT THE HELM

The Deacon Convener elect, Sandy Bone, was Deacon of the Incorporation of Wrights in 1986/87, and previously had been Master of the Trades House of Glasgow Lodge in 1978.

Sandy (51) throughout his working life, has been closely involved in the Steel Industry within the UK and beyond, and for some 15 years has been managing Director of the family firm of Structural Engineers, Bone Connell & Baxters Ltd, in Wishaw.

Educated at Kelvinside Academy in Glasgow, Sandy joined the family firm in 1960, spending his first 4 years in Inverness before returning south to Head Office from where he has since been based.



Sandy Bone

In July 1990, he was appointed President of his influential UK Trade Association, The British Constructional Steelwork Association, for a 2 year period, and during that period became deeply involved in the lobbying of Government on behalf of his Industry. In 1992 he was appointed Chairman of The Steel Construction Industry Federation, the overseeing body for all steel construction, and assisted in the setting up of many Education and Training initiatives.

Married to Lucille, he lives in Whitecraigs on the south side of Glasgow and has three sons. A keen gardener and skier, Sandy enjoys the odd game of golf.

# THE PLATFORM OF THE HOUSE

During 1993/94 the new Deacon Convener will preside over the affairs of the House along with the three other members of the Platform. These will be:

\*WILLIAM MORTON FYFE, who will take the now unusual step of moving directly from being Deacon of the Incorporation of Bakers to Collector of the House. A retired consultant paediatrician, he has had a distinguished medical career which has included 24 years as consultant to Stobhill Hospital and the Royal Hospital for Sick Children and six years as Chairman Paediatrician Committee, Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons. He is a past Preses of the Grand Antiquity Society of Glasgow.

\*KENNETH SANDFORD, present Collector.

\*JOHN FERGUS, present Deacon Convener.



W. Morton Fyfe

# DEACONS OF GREAT TRADITION

now cruises from the Royal Northern Yacht Club at Rhu. Collector elect of the Wrights is Robert Gray, a former Lord Provost of Glasgow and the present Councillor for the Maryhill ward of the city. Appropriately his working life began as an apprentice joiner and he worked in the trade for a number of years before becoming a Clerk of Works with the former Glasgow Corporation. In 1964 he became a lecturer in Joinery and Carpentry at Anniesland College. He was elected a Glasgow District Councillor in 1974 and was Honorary City Treasurer for 1980 to 84 and Lord Provost from 1984 to 88.

They will be following many noted citizens as Deacons or Craftsmen of the Wrights, including James Colquhoun (1634) who introduced the first fire engine to the city; Francis Crawford (1765) who carried the colours of the Glasgow Volunteers at the Battle of Falkirk in 1746; Dr James Cleland (1800) author of the "Annals of Glasgow", town councillor, magistrate, treasurer and Superintendent of Public Works in Glasgow; Henry Bell (1797) pioneer of

steam navigation; James Sellars (1885) architect for St Andrews Halls, Glasgow Herald Building and Kelvinside Academy; Sir William Burrell (1881) who gifted the famous Burrell Collection to the city; Sir William Arrol (1882) builder whose company constructed the Forth Bridge and Tower Bridge; John Keppie (1906) draughtsman partner in Honneyman Keppie and Mackintosh (Charles Rennie Mackintosh). Sir Andrew P Agnew (1925) chairman of Pettigrew and Stephens; Lord Inverclyde (1925) prominent industrialist and yachtsman; Sir Donald Skiffington (1939) chairman John Brown Shipbuilders; Robert Hamilton (1930) Lord Belhaven and Stenton; Sir Francis James Grant (1930) Lord Lyon King of Arms; Sir Victor Warren (1937) former Lord Provost of Glasgow; John Lawrence (1950) builder and chairman of Rangers Football Club; H Stewart Mackintosh (1957) Director of Education for Glasgow 1944-68 who won 16 caps as a Scottish Rugby Internationalist; and His Excellency Francesco Cossiga (1990) President of the Italian republic.

The ongoing work of the House will also be assisted by the new Deacons and Collectors of the Incorporations.

Appointments to be ratified on 17 September are:

- HAMMERMEN:** Deacon - Anthony Broadway; Collector - Richard Hunter.
- TAILORS:** Deacon - Roy Scott; Collector - Nial Henderson.
- CORDINERS:** Deacon - W Stewart Wright; Collector - Forbes M Dunlop.
- MALTMEN:** Visitor - J Graham Herberston; Collector - Nicholas Harvey-Miller.
- WEAVERS:** Deacon - Hugh Kelly; Collector - James Cooper.
- BAKERS:** Deacon - John Scholefield; Collector - Frederick Graham Hogg.
- SKINNERS:** Deacon - Malcolm Day; Collector - John Mason.
- COOPERS:** Deacon - John N Maclean; Collector - Duncan Cunningham.
- FLESHERS:** Deacon - J Michael Graham; Collector - Kenneth G Chrystie.
- MASONS:** Deacon - W Stewart McFarlane; Collector - William Johnston.
- GARDENERS:** Deacon - Ian G Scott; Collector - Alexander Martin.
- BARBERS:** Deacon - Edward Crozier; Collector - Alexander McEwan.
- BONNETMAKERS & DYERS:** Deacon - Duncan Gilmour; Collector - Peter Winton.

## GOOD WORK CARRIES ON

The Trades House has continued with its invaluable charity work over the past year. The Commonwealth Fund Committee at their March meeting approved 35 grants totalling £20,000. These ranged from £2,500 to Contact in Scotland to help them continue their work with the elderly and £2,000 to Quarriers for their work in the community to £100 to Knightswood Old Mens Recreation Club towards cost of repairs after vandalism, £100 to Women Mak Merry and £200 to Milton Unemployed & Community Resource Centre towards installation of ramps for the disabled.

Others to benefit include The Prince and Princess of Wales Hospice, Scottish Motor Neurone Disease Association, East Park Home, Barrowfield Drop In Centre, Drumchapel Community Organisations, Hayburn Playpark, Help the Aged, Radio Lillipop, Langside and Battlefield Caring Service, The Royal National Mission to Deep Sea Fishermen, Scottish Downs Syndrome Association, Scottish Society for the Mentally Handicapped, Aberlour Holiday Scheme and Play in Scottish Hospitals.

## WEAVERS TAKE ABOARD DISABLED SAILORS



In addition to the £10,800 of charitable donations made from their General Fund the Incorporation of Weavers made a contribution of £750 out of the Deacon's Fund to the Clyde Cruising Club Seamanship and Pilotage Trust. This donation went to the Challenger Flotilla for Disabled Sailing to fund participation in the 1993 Irish Open National Challenger Championships to be held in September off Kinsale Co. Cork. The picture above shows Bob Stocker, Deacon of the Incorporation of Weavers, handing over the cheque at a Regatta for Disabled Sailors at Bardowie Loch.

## WEAVERS SUPPORT

A total of £22,000 has been distributed by the Incorporation of Weavers in the past year in charitable and educational support. This has included £3,600 to the Scottish College of Textiles, £3,300 to the University of Strathclyde, £3,300 to the University of Strathclyde and £3,000 to the Glasgow School of Art.

## WRIGHT'S HONOUR

The Deacon of the Incorporation of Wrights, A Lindsay Gillespie, was guest speaker at the Annual Dinner of the Worshipful Company of Carpenters in London in June. This is the first time that a Deacon of the Wrights has had this honour.

## DEACON'S DIARY

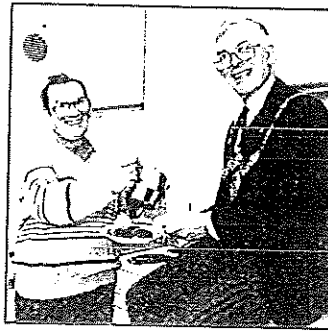
How busy is a Deacon in his year of office? Deacon W Gordon Clark of the Incorporation of Bonnetmakers and Dyers reports that he has attended 38 functions including the Worshipful Company of Dyers in London, Bonnetmakers Craft of Dundee and the Stewarton Bonnet Guild Association.

## LONG SERVICE

Twenty years of service by Ena Young, Secretary to the Clerk of the Bonnetmakers, Thomas A S Herd has been recognised with a gift of £1,000 from ex-deacons, late deacons and craftsmen.

## CONCERT TICKETS

Tickets for the New years Concert and Black Tie Supper are available through the House offices at 310 St Vincent Street, Glasgow G2 5QR (041 228 8000).



## HOME HELP

The £2,000 grant to Quarriers has enabled televisions, radios and microwaves to be fitted into four houses in Drumchapel which have been refurbished by Southdean Housing Association to provide supported accommodation for adults with learning disabilities. Picture shows John the first tenant making a cuppa for Deacon Convener John Fergus.

## TRAINING ROOM OPENS

A donation of £3,000 from the Drapers' Fund has enabled "The Trades House of Glasgow Training Room" to be set up and equipped at the Greater Glasgow Scout Offices in Elmbank Street.

Deacon Convener John Fergus is pictured here handing over the keys to Rhona Fraser and Amanda Letarte.



## FLOWERING HOTEL

A small Glasgow Hotel has become the first winner of the Robertson Silver Spade presented this year as part of the 'Let Glasgow Flourish' awards sponsored by the Incorporation of Gardeners. Kirklee Hotel in Kensington Gate, Dowanhill picked up the award for what the judges described as projecting an ongoing and colourful floral welcome to guests. Picture Lord Provost, Robert Innes 'inaugurates' the Robertson Silver Spade in George Square with the help of Agnes Steven joint proprietor of the Kirklee Hotel.

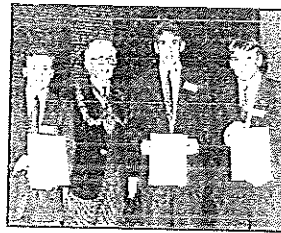


## CARDONALD PRIZES

To mark the 21st Anniversary of Cardonald College of Building and Engineering Deacon Ian MacConnacher was asked to present the prizes. He is pictured here with one of the prizewinners.



## HAMMERMEN'S AWARDS



Deacon Convener John Fergus presented this year's Hammermen's Scholarships and Trades Prizes in the Trades Hall. Inaugurated in 1961 the awards are made in two 'streams' for those attending Universities (or Polytechnics) studying full-time for a degree in engineering and those attending Colleges of Further Education within the Strathclyde Region working in craft apprenticeships in engineering disciplines.

## COOPERS WIN LADIES GOLF

For the first time since winning the inaugural competition the Coopers, ably led by Helen Abram, came out on top in this year's Ladies golf competition. At the invitation of the Lady Convener, teams entered by the majority of the Crafts played the Kilmaccolm course on 12th May when the sun shone, the golf was enthusiastic, and the chat considerable. The handsome silver tray was presented to the winners this year by Bunny Campbell who, with her late husband ex Deacon Convener Kenneth Campbell, donated it in 1975 for annual competition by the golfing ladies of the Crafts.

## FLOATING AWAY

For the first time the Trades House entered a float in the annual Lord Provost's Procession. Craftsmen Alan Lapsley and Ronnie Stevenson are pictured here on the colourful float.



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## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

17 September - Annual Meetings of the Incorporations  
 19 September - Trades Hall Open to the Public 1-4 pm  
 13 October - Election of Deacon Convener  
 Deacon Convener's Dinner  
 1 January - Glasgow Greets Vienna Concert  
 27 April - Trades House Lecture, Glasgow University

The main 1993/94 Dinners for the Incorporations are as follows:

Hammermen  
 Tailors  
 Cordiners  
 Maltmen  
 Weavers  
 Bakers  
 Skinnners

11 November  
 12 November  
 14 January  
 15 November  
 25 November  
 19 October  
 5 November

Wright's  
 Coopers  
 Fleshers  
 Masons  
 Gardeners  
 Barbers  
 Bonnetmakers

6 October  
 4 March  
 10 December  
 17 September  
 15 October  
 11 February  
 29 October